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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. August 21, 2017 – For the week ending August 20, 2017, near normal temperatures were recorded across much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Most areas received one inch or less of rain, with localized rainfall measuring up to four inches in a few southeastern areas. There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 26 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 4 percent very short, 24 short, 70 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 10 poor, 29 fair, 43 good, and 14 excellent. Corn dough was 83 percent, near 86 last year and the five-year average of 85. Dented was 40 percent, behind 48 last year and 46 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 35 fair, 49 good, and 6 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 95 percent, near 93 last year, and ahead of 90 average. Setting pods was 79 percent, ahead of 69 last year and 66 average.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 31 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum headed was 79 percent, behind 89 last year, but near 77 average. Coloring was 11 percent, behind 30 last year and 20 average.

Cotton condition rated 3 percent very poor, 4 poor, 38 fair, 50 good, and 5 excellent. Cotton squaring was 86 percent, near 88 last year, and behind 91 average. Setting bolls was 44 percent, near 48 last year, and behind 56 average. Bolls opening was 7 percent, ahead of 2 last year, and near 5 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 33 fair, 57 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 70 percent, behind 80 last year, and near 72 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 35 fair, 50 good, and 3 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 92 percent complete, near 90 last year, and ahead of 81 average. Fourth cutting was 24 percent, near 27 last year, but ahead of 17 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 87 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service agency and KSU Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-08-21-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

Days Suitable, Soil Moisture and Crop Progress by District For the Week Ending August 20, 2017

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.7	5.2	5.4	5.5	4.8	3.9	5.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	4	1	3	10	7	6	12	1	2	5
Short	12	19	18	52	39	34	33	11	7	26
Adequate	76	73	78	38	54	55	47	87	89	66
Surplus	8	7	1	0	0	5	8	1	2	3
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	4	0	3	10	8	3	10	1	3	4
Short	17	17	15	46	49	24	33	12	9	24
Adequate	76	76	81	44	43	71	50	86	88	70
Surplus	3	7	1	0	0	2	7	1	0	2
Corn Dough	59	72	84	87	97	89	93	92	90	83
Corn Dented	18	6	31	44	65	44	49	64	66	40
Sorghum Headed	62	85	87	72	80	77	83	78	79	79
Sorghum Coloring	2	6	12	5	21	12	2	23	40	11

Note: District-level soybean estimates will not be published in 2017 due to lack of external funding.

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